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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : R. E. Wick

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
11-22-63
CRITICISM REGARDING WARREN COMMISSION FINDINGS

Reference is made to my memorandum dated yesterday in captioned matter wherein the Director approved the furnishing of a draft letter (Mr. Epstein to Mr. Hoover) to Epstein; the forwarding of a letter and statement to Epstein in reply, and clearance of the letter and statement by Justice Abe Fortas and the Department.

For record purposes, there is attached the original of a letter which I obtained from Mr. Epstein this afternoon written on "The Evening Star" stationery and signed by Mr. Epstein. It is dated November 21, 1966, and follows precisely the wording of our draft. I left with Mr. Epstein the original of the Director's letter to him with a statement, both of which are dated November 23, 1966.

Prior to my discussion with Sid Epstein, you had read the proposed statement for Epstein to Justice Fortas, who was highly pleased with it. You also read the statement to Marvin Watson. He stated he believed it to be excellent. Likewise, I cleared the matter with Clifford Sessions, Public Information Office in the Department, who approved it and I later this afternoon, at his request, gave him a copy of both the Director's statement and a copy of the letter from Epstein. Sessions not only approved the statement, but stated he felt it would do much to clear the air.

Mr. Epstein will feature the Director's exclusive statement on the front page of "The Evening Star" on Friday, November 25, 1966. The wire services will, of course, have it simultaneously that day and will give it nationwide publicity.

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